

Specimen Collection and Submission Instructions

AFB, Identification (Version 1)

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Specimen Type	Collection Time	Collection Frequency	Collection Procedures	Transport Media	Shipping & Handling (S&H)**
Confirmed AFB positive isolates on solid media	NA	NA	NA	Slants only: Lowenstein Jensen 7H10 or 7H11 Middlebrook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport device: See Transport Media. • Rejection Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pure cultures only; mixed cultures will be rejected. ○ Send slants only; do not ship plates. Please call the lab if questions. ○ Not following listed Transport Media and/or S&H Methods. ○ Please see General Rejection Criteria below. • Transport: Ship at room temperature. Do not refrigerate or freeze. Transport as Category A package. • Storage: Do not refrigerate or freeze.
Confirmed AFB positive isolates on liquid media			NA	NA	Broths: MGIT, BactAlert, VersaTrek 7H9 Middlebrook

General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Specimen that is refrigerated or frozen.
- Leaky specimen.
- **Confirmed AFB positive isolates on solid media:** Pure cultures only; mixed cultures will be rejected. Send slants only; do not ship plates. Please call the lab if questions.
- **Confirmed AFB positive isolates on liquid media:** Pure cultures only; mixed cultures will be rejected. Specimens requiring sharps will not be tested. Leaky samples will not be tested.

NOTE:

Specimens will not be processed until ALL of the following information are provided on requisition form:

- Patient name, patient's county of residence, and second identifier.
- Two matching identifiers on both the tube and the laboratory requisition form.
- Specimen type, date of collection, and test requested.
- Submitter name, address, and telephone/FAX numbers.

Collection kit availability

Not available.

Comments